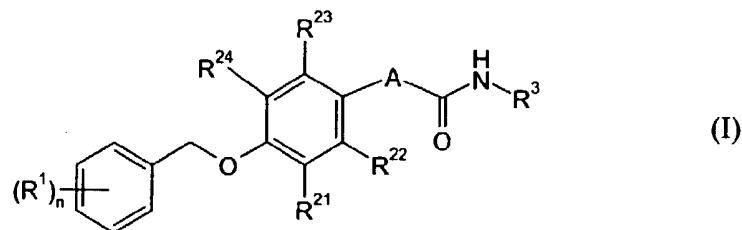


CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula I



wherein

R¹ is (C₁-C₃)-alkyl, halogen, halogen-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, cyano, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy or halogen-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy;

R²¹, R²², R²³ and R²⁴ are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and fluoro;

R³ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₃)-alkyl;

A is selected from



R⁴ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₃)-alkyl;

R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ are each independently hydrogen or (C₁-C₆)-alkyl; and

n is 1, 2 or 3;

wherein when n is 2 or 3, each R¹ is the same or different;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Original) A compound of according to claim 1, wherein n is 1.

3. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R¹ is halogen or halogen-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl.

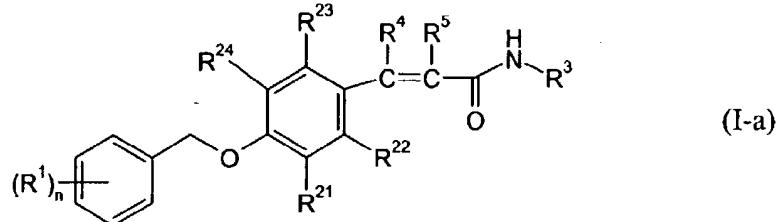
4. (Original) A compound according to claim 3, wherein R¹ is fluoro or trifluoromethyl.

5. (Original) The compound according to claim 1, wherein R²¹, R²², R²³ and R²⁴ are hydrogen.

6. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R³ is hydrogen.

7. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R³ is methyl.

8. (Original) A compound of formula I-a



wherein

R¹ is (C₁-C₃)-alkyl, halogen, halogen-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, cyano, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy or halogen-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy;

R²¹, R²², R²³ and R²⁴ are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and fluoro;

R³ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₃)-alkyl;

R^4 and R^5 are each independently hydrogen or (C_1 - C_3)-alkyl; and
 n is 1, 2 or 3;
wherein when n is 2 or 3, each R^1 is the same or different; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

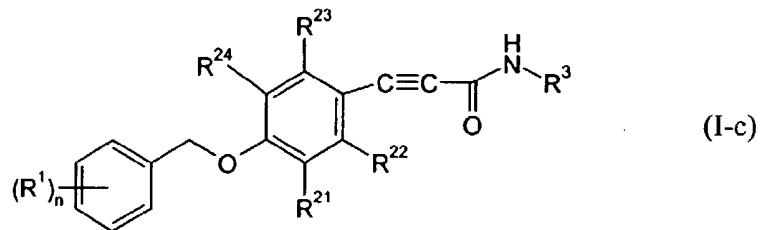
9. (Original) A compound according to claim 8, wherein R^3 is methyl.
10. (Original) A compound according to claim 9, wherein R^1 is fluoro or trifluoromethyl.
11. (Original) A compound according to claim 9, wherein R^1 is (C_1 - C_3)-alkyl or (C_1 - C_6)-alkoxy.
12. (Original) A compound selected from the group consisting of N-methyl-3-[4-(4-methyl-benzyloxy)-phenyl]-acrylamide and 3-[4-(3-methoxy-benzyloxy)-phenyl]-N-methyl-acrylamide.
13. (Original) A compound selected from the group consisting of 3-[4-(3-fluoro-benzyloxy)-phenyl]-2,N-dimethyl-acrylamide, 3-[4-(3-fluoro-benzyloxy)-phenyl]-N-methyl-acrylamide, N-methyl-3-[4-(4-trifluoromethyl-benzyloxy)-phenyl]-acrylamide, 3-[4-(3,4-difluoro-benzyloxy)-phenyl]-N-methyl-acrylamide, and 3-[4-(4-fluoro-benzyloxy)-phenyl]-N-methyl-acrylamide.

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14. (Cancelled)

~~14~~ 15. (Original) A compound selected from the group consisting of 3-[4-(3-fluoro-benzyloxy)-phenyl]-2,N-dimethyl-propionamide, 3-[4-(3,4-difluoro-benzyloxy)-phenyl]-propionamide, and 3-[4-(3-fluoro-benzyloxy)-phenyl]-N-methyl-butyramide.

~~15~~ 16. (Original) A compound of formula I-c



wherein

R¹ is (C₁-C₃)-alkyl, halogen, halogen-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, cyano, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy or halogen-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy;

R²¹, R²², R²³ and R²⁴ are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and fluoro;

R³ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₃)-alkyl; and

n is 1, 2 or 3;

wherein when n is 2 or 3, each R¹ is the same or different;

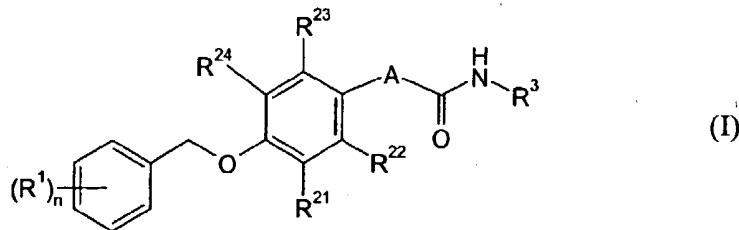
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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17. (Original) The compound 3-[4-(3-fluoro-benzyloxy)-phenyl]-propynoic acid methylamide.

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18. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising a compound of formula I



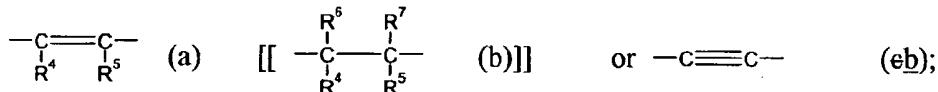
wherein

R¹ is (C₁-C₃)-alkyl, halogen, halogen-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, cyano, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy or halogen-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy;

R²¹, R²², R²³ and R²⁴ are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and fluoro;

R³ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₃)-alkyl;

A is selected from



R⁴ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₃)-alkyl;

R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ are each independently hydrogen or (C₁-C₆)-alkyl; and

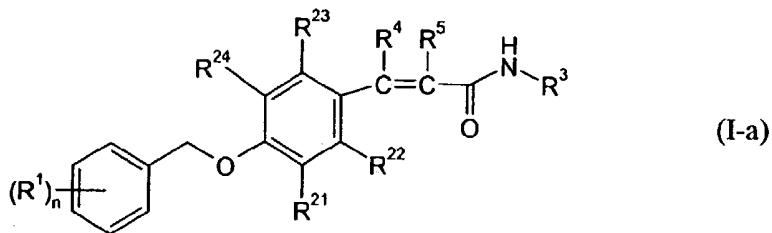
n is 1, 2 or 3; wherein when n is 2 or 3, each R¹ is the same or different;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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19. (Original) A composition according to claim 18, wherein the compound of formula I is a compound of formula I-a

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wherein

R^1 is (C_1-C_3) -alkyl, halogen, halogen- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, cyano, (C_1-C_6) -alkoxy or halogen- (C_1-C_6) -alkoxy;

R^{21} , R^{22} , R^{23} and R^{24} are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and fluoro;

R^3 is hydrogen or (C_1-C_3) -alkyl;

R^4 and R^5 are each independently hydrogen or (C_1-C_3) -alkyl; and

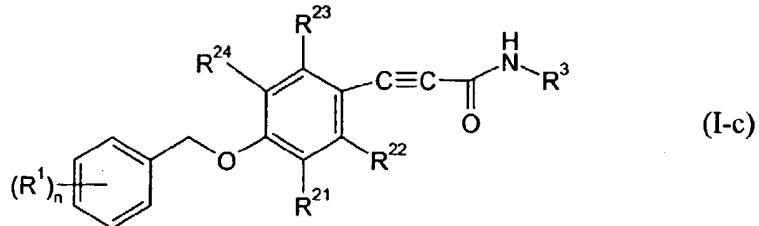
n is 1, 2 or 3;

wherein when n is 2 or 3, each R^1 is the same or different;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

20. (Canceled)

19 21. (Original) 17 A composition according to claim 18, wherein the compound of formula I is a compound of formula I-c



wherein

R^1 is (C_1-C_3) -alkyl, halogen, halogen- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, cyano, (C_1-C_6) -alkoxy or halogen- (C_1-C_6) -alkoxy;

R^{21} , R^{22} , R^{23} and R^{24} are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and fluoro;

R^3 is hydrogen or (C_1-C_3) -alkyl; and

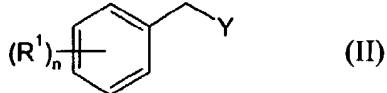
n is 1, 2 or 3;

wherein when n is 2 or 3, each R^1 is the same or different;

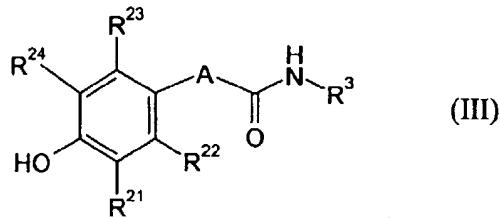
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

22. (Original) A process for the manufacture of a compound of formula I according to claim 1, which process comprises

a) reacting a compound of formula II

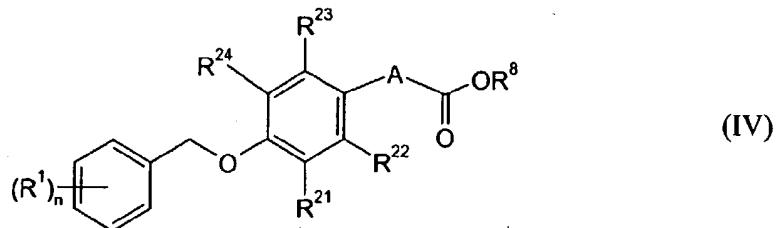


wherein R^1 and n are as defined in claim 1 and Y is a leaving group, with a compound of formula III



wherein R^3 , R^{21} , R^{22} , R^{23} , R^{24} and A are as defined in claim 1.

23. (Original) A process for the manufacture of a compound of formula I according to claim 1, which process comprises reacting a compound of formula IV



wherein R¹, R²¹, R²², R²³, R²⁴ and n are as defined in claim 1 and R⁸ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₆)-alkyl,

with an amine of formula V



wherein R³ is as defined in claim 1.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Canceled)